

## **SWIMMING POOL PERMITS**

Here it is approaching the warm weather season when everyone starts to think about installing a swimming pool for the family to beat the heat.

The 2003 International Residential Code along with the Connecticut Building Code 2005 supplement states that all structures intended for swimming or recreational bathing that contains water over 24 inches deep requires that a building permit be obtained from the Building Department. This includes in-ground, above-ground and on- ground (storable/inflatable) swimming pools, hot tubs and spas.

You should contact the Building Department at 860-623-2439 to inquire as to what paperwork you will need to bring with you at the time of submittal of application and what other agencies will be involved in the approval process.

On June 8, 1999, Public Act No. 99-140 was approved and became effective October 1, 1999 that requires a "pool alarm" be installed with every pool. This alarm device emits a sound of at least fifty decibels when a person or an object weighing Fifteen pounds or more enters the water in a swimming pool. Proof of the purchase of a pool alarm must be submitted along with your building permit application. No Building Permit can be issued for the installation of a swimming pool unless proof is shown of the time of submittal.

The Building Department staff is here to help you in any way we can to make the process of obtaining a building permit for your pool installation a stress free process. Please contact us ahead of time to obtain all the information you need to make the process go smoothly.

We look forward to working with you. Enjoy the spring and summer months.

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